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AMONG the "Notes and Queries" of the current issue of the *Library Journal* is the following: "How should the catalogue record the edition of a book which has been printed fifteen different times and revised four different times? The publishers will call such a book the 15th ed.; but that misleads, for several of the different "editions" were exact duplicates. On the other hand, if the facts of the revision were known, it is misleading to the reader to say 4th ed., as he does not know whether it is the 4th in reality or as the publisher counts."

To which answer is made:

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IN noting the current Baptist anniversaries the *Tribune* says: "Besides its great work in missions the Baptist denomination has built up an extensive publishing business, of which the American Baptist Publication Society, organized in 1824, is the chief representative. The society has a fine new building in Philadelphia. Its catalogue embraced, in 1875, 1156 publications, including books, periodicals, tracts, etc. Among the periodicals are the *Baptist Quarterly* and several Sunday-school

papers. The society makes large grants of various publications, and employs colporteurs and Sunday-school missionaries. Its receipts since 1824 have been over \$4,500,000. There is also a Baptist Publication Society in the South. The American and Foreign Bible Society and the American Bible Union, both denominational societies, have printed and circulated the Bible in many languages. The number of weekly and monthly periodicals published in the interest of the Baptist denomination is fifty."

THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY reports \$227,928.80 receipts from publications during the last year, in which time the number of copies manufactured at the Bible House was 558,448; printed abroad, 278,247; purchased abroad, 35,981; total, 881,056; copies issued at home, 621,726; abroad, 259,830; total, 881,056. Of Bibles for the blind, 347 volumes have been issued, making a total of 10,715 in 35 years. The issues of the society in 61 years amount to 32,744,388 copies.

THE Women's Centennial Executive Committee have prepared for presentation to the Queen of England, the Empress of Germany, the Empress of Russia, richly-bound copies of the "New Century for Women," a paper published during the Centennial by the Women's Committee and devoted entirely to their interests, also the reports of the philanthropic and charitable institutions of the world, and "Worthy Women of our First Century," lately published by J. B. Lippincott & Co., and the final report of the Women's Centennial Executive Committee. The books are records of women's work at the Centennial, and are enclosed in cases made of Florida red cedar, lined with Vermont bird's-eye maple. They are to be donated in recognition and acknowledgment of the courtesy extended by the recipients to the Women's Centennial Executive Committee. The presents were displayed at a prominent jeweler's in Philadelphia, and attracted the attention and elicited the admiration of all passers-by.

The Publishers' Weekly.

MAY 26, 1877.

PUBLISHERS are requested to furnish title-page proofs and advance information of books forthcoming, both for entry in the lists and for descriptive mention. An early copy of each book published should be forwarded, to insure correctness in the final entry.

The trade are invited to send "Communications" to the editor on any topic of interest to the trade, and as to which an interchange of opinion is desirable. Also, matter for "Notes and Queries." Notes from librarians will also be gratefully received.

In case of business changes, notification or card should be immediately sent to this office for entry under "Business Notes." New catalogues issued will also be mentioned when forwarded.

"Every man is a debtor to his profession, from the which, as men do of course seek to receive countenance and profit, so ought they of duty to endeavor themselves by way of amends to be a help thereunto."—LORD BACON.

UNDERSELLING IN ENGLAND.

THE English trade is just now passing through the very difficulties from which the American trade has been suffering, and is vigorously casting about for remedies. *The* (London) *Bookseller* of May 2d is full of the subject, and may be profitably studied on this side. The Edinburgh booksellers' organization has recently held its first annual meeting, and was so satisfied with the results of the year's association that it has since procured similar organization in Glasgow. A letter to *The Bookseller* displays as much well-considered thought on this subject as we have seen in any one article, in an endeavor to look behind temporary or restrictive remedies and get at the real commercial conditions on which only a settled reform can be secured.

This writer points out that publishers are not nearly so dependent on the booksellers as they used to be, since the bookseller, before the increase of periodicals, was the chief means of advertising books, while now the publisher does his own advertising and looks to the bookseller chiefly for selling alone. Nevertheless, this writer adds, the publisher gathers his harvest through the bookseller, nor can the public get along comfortably without him. But as a market is made for the bookseller, he must not expect so much margin as of old, and that margin must vary with the character of the books he sells, being smaller on fast-selling books such as the underseller feeds on, and larger on those books which demand knowledge and patience for their sale. The writer would therefore abolish the old system of uniform discounts and urge that the qualifications of booksellers should keep pace with the advance in book-production and bib-

liography. In other works, since anybody can sell the popular poets, etc., the professional must be content with a small margin on them, and must get his larger profit on the books where his special knowledge is useful.

There is no little truth in all this, and in many respects it is in accord with the policy we long ago urged upon the trade. The restriction policy, as we have many times pointed out, is not a permanent cure, but a means to an end; the Cincinnati and Put-in-Bay platforms, and the after-recommendations of the WEEKLY, all looked forward to reduced retail prices and a smaller but more certain trade discount. While there were other causes for the present failure of reform, one cause was the unwillingness developed at Philadelphia among the retailers to look this necessity full in the face. The aim of the more far-seeing was to put the trade on so sound a basis that restrictive rules would not be necessary, and the failure of this movement, in the general demoralization at superheated Philadelphia, played into the hands of those who were only too willing to see the reform go to pieces.

The further idea of making discounts depend on the immediate salability of the book has a good deal in it, and we should like to see the experiment tried. We may say to our English brethren that there is good hope for a reform, providing their publishers are willing to join heartily and their retailers are willing to look the present competition in the face and not expect to accomplish too much. Happily the English difficulty is not complicated with our trade-sale system. It would be curious indeed if our movement here, by suggesting further experiments there, should be helpfully promoted in its turn.

WE are glad to learn that the custom-house difficulty has been solved, and in the way we foreshadowed last week. The old rule holds and is likely to remain unless unduly low valuations on consignments shall introduce new complications. The one basis of entry should be, in cases where there is no real purchase, the equivalent of the same lot to an independent buyer.

OBITUARY.

HON. WILLIAM JAMES HAMERSLEY, a prominent publisher and bookseller of Hartford, died at his residence there, after a brief illness, on Tuesday evening, May 15th, in the 69th year of his age. Mr. Hamersley was a gentleman of culture and fine literary taste, whose entire career, both politically and socially, is identified with Hartford, where he has lived since a young man of twenty-one, and where he married the daughter of Mr. Oliver D. Cooke, a

distinguished book publisher of that city in other days, and where he was beloved and honored by all who knew him. Mr. Hamersley was postmaster of Hartford under the administrations of Pierce and Buchanan, was twice elected mayor of the city, and was a representative from Hartford in the lower house of the legislature in the years 1850, 1867, and 1870. He distinguished himself in all these positions as an able, useful, and faithful servant of the people, eloquent in debate and remarkably strong in argument. He was for many years a partner with Mr. Thomas Belknap in the publishing and bookselling business, but for several years past continued the book and stationery business alone, in his building opposite the post-office on Main street.

BOOK NOTICES.

LECTURES ON BAPTIST HISTORY, by William R. Williams. (Am. Baptist Pub. Soc.) These lectures are twelve in number. They are entitled "John the Baptist, the Lord's Harbinger," "The Kingdom of God as set up by Christ," "Baptism and Regeneration," "The Churches as left by Christ and as made by Man," "Our Churches under the Ban of Antichrist," "The Anabaptists of the Continent and England," "Rationalism in its Relation to our Churches," "The Baptists and Religious Liberty," "The Baptists of the Commonwealth and Protectorate," "John Bunyan," "Baptists and Missions," "Baptists and the Future." The titles show pretty thoroughly the ground covered. The lectures are presented in a very attractive form, and will prove pleasant and interesting reading even to those not coming under the denomination of Baptists. Sq. 12mo, cloth, \$1.75.

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part deals with both the absurdities and trickery and the higher aspects of the spiritualism of to-day. This work will interest generally; it has a great amount of curious reading in it about one of the most marked phases of the speculative thought of modern times, and is written by one of the best accredited spiritualistic lights. 12mo, cloth, \$2.

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STATIONERY NOTES.

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THE POWERS PAPER CO., Springfield, Mass., have just issued a new illustrated list of their writing papers, comprising four distinct grades, especially adapted for the jobbing trade, embracing the finest quality of extra No. 1 plate-finished papers, extra superfine, superfine, and fine. Their papers are well known, and they claim that their good name will be more than sustained by great improvements in quality, finish, and putting up. They have had newly-engraved designs made for their wrappers, which are now lithographed on white and tinted papers, making them very attractive in appearance. They claim their lines to be always regular and entirely reliable, as they are not sortings or job lots, but a standard uniform grade kept in stock, so as always to be obtained at any time. Their list contains twenty-four pages, including a neat cover printed in black and gold, with an illustration of a paper-machine on the front and of their buildings on the back page. Inside is a complete description of each grade of paper they make, and their weight, sizes, etc., while at the top of each page is a *fac-simile* of each style of wrapper. This list also contains a full line of flat papers in white and colors, antique parchment, Coronet Water Closet, and other papers, giving the exact size, style, weight, width of rulings and headings, and how put up, so that any buyer can easily order from list. James G. Munday, 133 William street, is their New York agent, and has a full line of samples at the above address.

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turers. Both are energetic young men, and, with past experience, have good chance of success.

THE improvement on croquet, "Vexillo," is everywhere welcomed as a very happy innovation among people given to pleasuring. The *Home Journal*, devoted to society matters, has published the rules of the game, with pleasant commendations, and the *Boston Globe*, the *Richfield Springs Mercury*, the *Mobile, Ala., Register*, the *Buffalo Commercial Advertiser*, and like papers utter a unanimous verdict that "'Vexillo' is a very pretty game."

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A. T. CROSS, Providence, R. I., has received a patent for a "Fountain Pen" composed of a case inside of which is a reservoir for holding the ink, arranged with an air-tube and control-valve for the purpose of regulating the flow of ink, either of which are separate and removable.

JOHN HAGGERTY, Cory, Pa., has received a patent for a combined slate and book carrier, comprising a slate-frame provided upon its outer edge with a loop arranged to receive and retain a removable strap, which binds the slate and books firmly together.

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CREW & NEWLIN have succeeded the firm of Crew & Hadley in their book and stationery business, in Lawrence, Kansas.

JOURNALISTIC NOTES.

THE *Christian Union* is now printing an interesting series of articles on "How to Spend the Summer," written by people who themselves know how. The following is the schedule of titles. "Camping Out," by Rev. W. H. Murray; "Yachting," by Rev. Stephen H. Tyng, Jr., D.D.; "Pedestrianism," by Howard Crosby, D.D.; "The White Mountains," by Henry Ward Beecher; "Summer on a Farm," by Donald G. Mitchell (Ik Marvel); "A Short Trip to Europe," by Austin Abbott; "Summer Schools," by Rev. E. P. Thwing; "Summering in Colorado," by H. H.; "Summer Camp-Meetings," by Rev. Lyman Abbott; "Canoeing," by the Commodore of the New York Canoe Club; "Summer Cottage Housekeeping," by a Cottage Housekeeper; "How to Stay at Home Without Grumbling," by Gail Hamilton. This series is interestingly in line with our own summer season supplement, as showing the importance of providing especially for summer reading.

LITERARY AND TRADE NOTES.

GINN & HEATH have in preparation Chaucer's fine poem, "The Parliament of Fowles," edited by Prof. T. R. Lounsbury, of the Sheffield Scientific School at Yale. He is every way competent to edit it, and with his careful introduction, full notes, and glossary, it will be an admirable text-book for the study of old English, and hardly less interesting to the general reader.

THE autograph sale of Bangs & Co., opening June 4th, will be very notable not only for the excellence of the collection, but for the extra-illustrated books appended to the catalogue. These comprise a copy of Miss Booth's History of the city of New York, extended to 21 vols. by the insertion of all sorts of rarities, portraits, maps, autographs, paper currency, playbills, pamphlets, etc., to the number of several thousand; a history of our war, made up from *World* clippings; Bancroft's United States and Parton's Franklin, with any quantity of inserts, and other books to make a collector mad.

MR. W. D. HOWELLS, writes the Boston correspondent of the *Tribune*, has been for some time maturing plans for a library of select autobiography. He has now entered into arrangements with Messrs. J. R. Osgood & Co., and will at once begin preparing for the press several volumes, to be issued next autumn. The plan of this series is new and excellent. Autobiographies of all countries and of various classes will contribute to this new series; and

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A NEW edition of "The Last Will and Testament," comic operetta by Karl Merz, recently published by John Church & Co., Cincinnati, is in press, the first having been exhausted within sixty days of its first publication. A new edition of "Ruth," the new opera by Butterfield, has also been published.

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THE sale of George Herwegh's "Neue Gedichte," published in this country by Carl Dörfflinger, Milwaukee, is likely to be quickened by the fact that the Swiss edition has been suppressed in Germany.

KELLY, PIET & Co. have just issued "Biographical Sketches of Distinguished Marylanders," by Esmeralda Boyle, which embrace the names of Charles Carroll, William Pinkney, Anne Moncure Crane (the author of "Emily Chester"), William Henry Rinehart, Francis Scott Key, and others. They have also just published a new story for young girls, "Known too Late," by the author of "Tyborne."

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DAVIS, BARDEEN & Co., Syracuse, have added to their list of publications "The Diadem of School Songs," by Wm. Tillinghast, and "Frobisher's Good Selections in Prose and Poetry," both works having formerly been published by J. W. Schermerhorn & Co.

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THE National Temperance Society and Pub. House has just issued a characteristic publica-

tion, "Moody's Talks on Temperance," with anecdotes and incidents in connection with the Tabernacle temperance work in Boston, compiled and edited by Rev. James B. Dunn.

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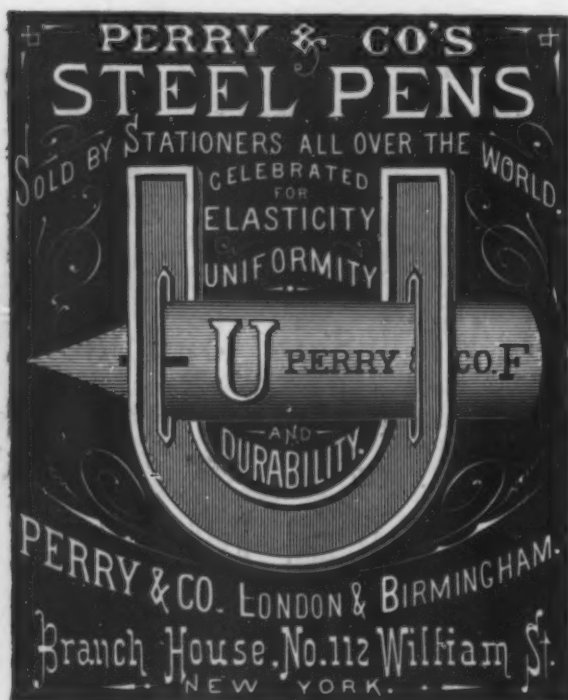


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It is expected that publishers will take advantage of its advertising pages to bring into prominence such books as find their especial sale during the travelling season: the many series of **novels** and other **light literature**, **collections of poetry** and **poems** suited to the season, **guide-books** and **sketches of nature**, books of **humor**, hand-books of **summer sports**, **railroad literature**, books for the **pocket**, etc.; while the manufacturing stationers, etc., will call attention to their summer goods, such as stationery **novelties** useful in summer or for travelling, **travelling desks**, **games** and materials of **summer sport**, **stereoscopes**, **tourists' maps**, **stereoscopic** and other **views**, etc. Of course no advertisements will be admitted into imprint editions except goods easily to be supplied by booksellers. These books and articles will be indexed under their proper heads, and there will be interesting summer reading matter to render the publication attractive to the book-buyer.

Booksellers should remember that, while summer is usually a dull time, the sales of light literature, etc., can be pushed to make a successful business even in this season. The classes who travel are of course those who have money to spend, even in dull times, and the summer is the time when very many book-buyers do the greater part of their reading. Booksellers at summer resorts should therefore especially avail themselves of this publication, while it will be also useful to tempt stay-at-homes to make investments.

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